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Letter dated 3 June 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, and in further reference to my previous letters concerning the acts of aggression which Israel continues to perpetrate against Lebanon, I regret to inform you of the details of yet another bloody act of aggression, which was committed during the night of 1-2 June 1994.

1. On Wednesday, 1 June 1994, at 3.20 a.m., a compact formation of Israeli aircraft penetrated Lebanese airspace above Kasrawan, Jbeil and Batrun. Shortly thereafter, infantry forces, supported by other combat aircraft, also penetrated Lebanese territory.

2. On Thursday, 2 June, at 2.15 a.m., Israeli combat aircraft bombarded the areas of Ayn Dardara and Nabel Loujouj, located 7 kilometres east of Baalbek, using cluster bombs, fragmentation bombs, napalm bombs and perforating bombs. Israeli infantry forces then pursued the fleeing inhabitants, most of whom were children under 15 years of age, firing on them with heavy machine-guns with the support of bombs and rockets. This massacre left 50 dead and more than 60 wounded, most of them seriously. Meanwhile, Israel has concentrated tanks and heavy artillery on the southern border of Lebanon, while its combat aircraft constantly fly over the region. This aggression follows a series of threats by Israeli political and military leaders against Lebanon and the security of its inhabitants.

The Lebanese Government vigorously condemns and denounces this bloody aggression perpetrated by Israel against the sovereignty of Lebanon, which constitutes yet another violation of its territorial integrity and of the

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security of its citizens, and calls on the international community, represented by the Security Council, to prevent Israel from continuing to flout international law and custom by organizing military operations which threaten the security and stability of the region, thus running the risk of compromising the peace process in the Middle East.

This Israeli aggression comes just 12 days after the abduction of a Lebanese citizen from his home by Israeli forces, an incident which was the subject of the most recent Lebanese complaint to the Security Council.

Any hesitation on the part of the Council to put an end to these Israeli acts of aggression will allow that country to pursue its policy of destruction freely and with impunity.

Supported by the legitimacy conferred upon it by the United Nations, the Security Council should take a firm position against this fresh Israeli aggression in order to save the peace process in the Middle East and preserve international peace and security.

The Lebanese Government requests that an emergency meeting of the Security Council be convened to consider this Israeli act of aggression and take coercive measures to prevent the instability in the region from worsening.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 38 of the provisional list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Khalil MAKKAWI
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